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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my previous letters, the most recent of which was that of 10 June 1993 (S/25924), I have the honour to inform you that in the period 22 June to 15 July 1993 Iranian armed forces engaged in the following acts of aggression against the northern region of Iraq:

1. On 22 June 1993, Iranian artillery shelled the areas of Shiyuzah and Bardi, setting fire to agricultural land and damaging a number of dwellings.

2. On the night of 3/4 July 1993, Iranian artillery shelled the areas of Ganaw and Qindul, killing five inhabitants and wounding eight.

3. At 1100 hours on 15 July 1993, Iranian artillery shelled the areas of Shiyuzah, Suna and Kometan, killing two persons and wounding three in the Suna area.

4. In the course of last week, scattered localities in the Qal'at Dizah basin and the Panjwin area came under intermittent and random Iranian bombardment that caused damage, set fire to agricultural land and wounded a number of the residents, who began to evacuate themselves further inside Iraqi territory.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq protests in the strongest terms against these fresh Iranian acts of aggression, which constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and open interference in its internal affairs, and it condemns the Iranian regime's persistent violation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

The Government of the Republic of Iraq requests your intervention to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are contrary to the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and it reserves its full right to respond by using any appropriate means in order to safeguard Iraq's rights and legitimate interests.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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